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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, AUGUST 3, 2001

APPLICATION OF

UNITED CITIES GAS COMPANY
(a Division of Atmos Energy
Corporation)

CASE NO. PUE010305

For approval of an amendment to purchased gas adjustment rider

ORDER GRANTING MOTION

On June 6, 2001, the State Corporation Commission

("Commission") issued an Order for Notice and Hearing in the

above-referenced matter. This June 6, 2001, Order required

Staff to investigate the reasonableness of United Cities Gas

Company's (a Division of Atmos Energy) ("United Cities" or "the

Company") application and present their findings and

recommendations in a report to be filed with the Clerk of the

Commission on or before July 27, 2001.

Accordingly, Staff filed its report on July 27, 2001. On August 2, 2001, United Cities filed a motion requesting that it be allowed to respond to the Staff Report on August 24, 2001. In support of its motion, United Cities states that it wishes to provide comments regarding several points made by Staff.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of this motion, is of the opinion and finds that the United Cities' motion should

be granted and that the Company should file comments on August 24, 2001.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) United Cities shall file comments responding to the Staff Report on August 24, 2001.
 - (2) This case is continued generally.